

What is claimed is:

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1. A method of making a test and posting the test on-line for potential test-takers, said method comprising the steps of:

5 providing a host system and a plurality of remote terminals operatively coupled to the Internet;

inputting questions at one of the remote terminals;

compiling the questions at the host system to make a compiled test;

posting the test on-line for potential test-takers.

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2. A method as set forth in claim 1 including the steps of providing a home page that is accessible to both potential test-makers and test-takers and that allows users to cast themselves as either a test-maker or a test-taker.

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3. A method as set forth in claim 1 wherein the test-maker is required to input an identifier.

4. A method as set forth in claim 1 further including the steps of editing a compiled test.

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5. A method as set forth in claim 1 wherein the step of posting the step includes placing the compiled test in a directory for access by potential test-takers.

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6. A method as set forth in claim 5 wherein the directory has a plurality of categories corresponding to different types of tests and wherein the compiled test is placed in the appropriate category.

7. A method as set forth in claim 6 wherein the step of placing the compiled test in a directory includes the steps of placing a just-made test into a temporary category, reviewing the test to determine the appropriate category, and then placing the test into the appropriate category.

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8. A method as set forth in claim 7 further comprising the step of receiving input from the test-maker as to the appropriate category.

9. A method as set forth in claim 5 wherein the test-taker chooses a test from the directory.

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10. A method as set forth in claim 9 wherein the test-taker is allowed to preview the test chosen from the directory.

11. A method as set forth in claim 1 wherein a test-taker is required to pay to take the compiled test.

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SUB A27 12. A method as set forth in claim 11 wherein the test-maker and the proprietor of the host system share the revenues generated by the test-taker taking the test.

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13. A method as set forth in claim 1 wherein the compiled test is placed in a restricted directory and the test-taker must have know a password to access the compiled test.

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14. A method of posting a test on-line for potential test-takers, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a host system and a plurality of remote terminals operatively coupled to the Internet;
placing a test in a restricted directory for potential test-takers;
requiring a test-taker to input a password to have access to the restricted
5 directory.

SUB A37 15. A method as set forth in the preceding claim wherein the restricted directory includes academic practice tests and wherein a school enrolls students at a set cost per school year.

10 16. A method as set forth in claim 14 wherein the charge for the restricted directory is based on per time a test is taken.

15 17. A method as set forth in claim 14 wherein the charge for the restricted directory is based on per time a user visits the directory.

20 18. A system for generating and posting an on-line test, comprising:
a first computer operatively coupled to the Internet, the first computer including software means for generating the test and software means for posting the test on the Internet; and

a second computer operatively coupled to the Internet, the second computer operative to allow a user to take the test and receive test results.

25 19. A system for generating and posting an on-line test, comprising:
a host computer operatively coupled to a network backbone, the host computer including means for generating the test and means for posting the test;

a first computer operatively coupled to the host computer, the first computer being operative to generate questions for the test; and

~~a second computer operatively coupled to the host computer, the second computer operative to take the test.~~

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~~20. A system for generating and posting an on-line test, comprising:
host means, coupled to a network backbone, for generating the test and
for posting the test;~~

means, operatively coupled to the host means, for generating questions for the test; and

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means, operatively coupled to the host means, for taking the test.

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